GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONVERTED CHRISTIAN IN THE SC LIST
YOGI ADITYANATH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to include the persons belonging to Scheduled Castesand Scheduled Tribes who have embraced Christianity/Islam in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined the matter in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c)The issue of inclusion of Scheduled Castes converted to Christianity has beenexamined in consultation with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes and Registrar General of India and it has not been found feasible toinclude them in the list of Scheduled Casts. In respect of inclusion of Scheduled Casteswho embraced Islam, the matter is in process and will require consultation with several agencies. So far as Scheduled Tribes area concerned, religion is not a criterion for being a member of Scheduled Tribe.